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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - 1746 MEETING, NOVEMBER 24, 1975

1. SUMMARY: \$7,288,600 WAS APPROPRIATED UNDER SECTION 3 OF PROGRAM BUDGET (POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION), BY VOTE OF 76-2(US)-0. PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION ITEM WAS CONCLUDED, WITH ADOPTION OF PHILIPPINE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SYG RECOMMENDED CRITERIA AS AMENDED BY USSR AND GREECE. VOTE WAS 83(US)-0-3. PUBLIC INFORMATION ITEM WAS CONCLUDED WITH PASSAGE OF DECISION TO DEAL WITH OPI IN OFF-BUDGET YEARS 45(US)-9-16 AND ADOPTION WITHOUT OBJECTION OF DECISION TO STUDY WAYS OF PUBLISHING YEARBOOK MORE PROMPTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. SECTION 3 OF PROGRAM BUDGET, 1976/77 - TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY US; SAID AMOUNT FOR MAINTENANCE OF SWAPO NEW YORK OFFICE HAD DOUBLED IN 76/77 PB BECAUSE EARLIER EXPENDITURE HAD BEEN FOR 1975 ONLY. RE SAVINGS WHICH MIGHT BE ACHIEVED BY MOVING COMMISSION FOR NAMIBIA TO LUSAKA, SAID PERSONNEL COSTS WOULD BE SLIGHTLY LESS ANNUALLY BUT THERE WOULD BE \$41,000 UNCLASSIFIED

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MOVING COST PLUS \$4,000 FOR MATERIAL, AND HAVING LIAISON

OFFICE IN NEW YORK DOES INVOLVE RENTAL OF PREMISES. SAID APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF 24 ARE PROVISIONAL AND WHEN THEIR ANNUAL PROGRAM IS DECIDED, A FINANCIAL IMPLICATION STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED. ASYG DEBATIN RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM US, BELGIUM AND CANADA CONCERNING POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN STAFF REQUIREMENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND DECOLONIZATION. SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO DECREASE IN WORKLOAD IN SPITE OF INDEPENDENCE TO MANY TERRITORIES, AND THERE HAVE BEEN ADDITIONAL DEMANDS ON COMMITTEE OF 24 AND COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED AN AMOUNT OF \$7,288,600 BY VOTE OF 76-2(US)-0 UNDER SECTION 3 FOR 1976/77. ALSO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, APPROVED ALGERIAN DRAFT DECISION (A/C.5/L.1251) ON FUTURE TASKS OF THE AFRICA DIVISION. US SAID IT WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF THERE HAD BEEN VOTE ON ALGERIAN DRAFT.

3. ITEM 101 - UN PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION. BEFORE COMMITTEE WERE A/C.5/L.1249 REV 2 (INCORPORATING AMENDMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA IN A/C.5/L.1256) AND THREE AMENDMENTS BY USSR IN A/C.5/L.1255. PHILIPPINE REP CHANGED QTE RECONSIDER UNQTE TO QTE CONSIDER UNQTE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF 1249/REV.2. GREEK REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, ADDING AT END QTE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE MERITS OF EACH PARTICULAR CASE. UNQTE USSR AGREED TO DELETE HIS AMENDMENTS 2 AND 3, BUT SAID NUMBER ONE INVOLVED MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, AND MOREOVER CALLED FOR ROLL-CALL VOTE. USSR AMENDMENT 1 IN A/C.5/L.1255, IN ROLL-CALL VOTE, WAS APPROVED 18-16-58(US). GREEK AMENDMENT IN OP PARA 4 WAS APPROVED BY 16-6-50(US). DRAFT IN 1245/REV.2 AS AMENDED BY USSR AND GREEK AMENDMENTS WAS APPROVED BY 83(US)-0-3.

4. PUBLIC INFORMATION. DRAFT DECISION (A/C.5/L.1242/REV.2) PROPOSING THAT OPI BE DEALT WITH IN OFF-BUDGET YEARS WAS INTRODUCED BY TURKEY, AND AFTER EXTENSIVE OBJECTIONS BY USSR THAT DECISION WAS NOT NECESSARY, IT WAS PASSED 45(US)-9-16. USSR WITHDREW ITS AMENDMENT (A/C.5/L.1245). PAKISTAN DRAFT DECISION (A/C.5/L.1243) ASKING THAT A WAY BE SOUGHT TO PUBLISH UN YEARBOOK MORE PROMPTLY WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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5. ORGANIZATION OF WORK. INDIA PROPOSED THAT THERE BE NO GENERAL DEBATE ON PERSONNEL ITEMS IN VIEW OF CONGESTED WORK SCHEDULE AND THAT ONLY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BE CONSIDERED. DISCUSSION OF INDIAN PROPOSAL DEFERRED UNTIL LATER MEETING. UK PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS ON ALL REMAINING SUBJECTS BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. AFTER ALGERIA SAID THIS WAS NOT FAIR TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PROPOSAL WAS DEFEATED 21(UA)-39-24. MOYNIHAN

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